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## 2012 U.S. Elections

### A Select Webliography

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#### ABOUT THE CANDIDATES:

[THE CANDIDATES AND BACKGROUNDS](#), Council on Foreign Relations, updated August 28 2012. An updated series on the 2012 presidential candidates' views on and approaches to a number of domestic and international policy issues.

#### ROMNEY'S FOREIGN POLICY

As chairman of the organizing committee of the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics, Romney was credited with financially rescuing the scandal-tarnished event and restoring -- for a time -- the reputation of the International Olympic Committee. He lived abroad as a Mormon missionary in France while in college.

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#### OBAMA'S FOREIGN POLICY

As president, Obama has taken on a number of major foreign-policy initiatives, including a renewed troop surge in Afghanistan, the negotiation of the New START nuclear arms reduction treaty with Russia, the NATO intervention in Libya, the withdrawal from Iraq, ongoing trade negotiations with China, and of course, the killing of al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

## INTRODUCTION TO ELECTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Free and fair elections are the keystone of any democracy. They are essential for the peaceful transfer of power. When voters elect representatives, they elect the leaders who will shape the future of their society. This is why elections empower ordinary citizens: They allow them to influence the future policies of their government, and thus, their own future.

The 2012 ELECTIONS: <http://americancorners.state.gov/drupal6/node/3454>

### GLOSSARY OF U.S. ELECTION TERMS

List of common U.S election terms and definitions.

#### List of important Events & Dates:

##### Foreign Press Centre Briefing

##### Key Dates in U.S. Voting Rights

##### Political Groundbreakers

##### 2012 Presidential Primary Dates & Candidate Filing Deadlines For Ballot Access

## U.S. ELECTION PROCEDURES

Thousands of administrators are responsible for organizing and conducting U.S. elections, including tabulating and certifying the results. These officials have an important and complex set of tasks — setting the exact dates for elections, certifying the eligibility of candidates, registering eligible voters and preparing voter rolls, selecting voting equipment, designing ballots, organizing a large temporary work force to administer the voting on Election Day, tabulating the votes and certifying the results.

**ELECTORAL COLLEGE:** In *The Constitution: That Delicate Balance*, program 3, “[Nomination, Election, and Succession of the President](#),” Edmund Muskie, Secretary of State under Jimmy Carter, and various party officials discuss the role of the Electoral College in presidential elections.

<http://www.learner.org/resources/series72.html?pop=yes&pid=537>

### HOW THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE FUNCTIONS

This article provides an excerpt from Article II, Section 1 of The Constitutional Basis, how they sets out the way the Electoral College works with little direction about who can serve as electors.



### EJOURNAL ON THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

This issue of *eJournal USA* will improve people's understanding of the historical reasons for the Electoral College system and how it functions.

### CRS REPORT ON THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE: AN OVERVIEW

American voters elect the President and Vice President of the United States indirectly,

through an arrangement known as the electoral college system. The Electoral College system comprises a complex mosaic of constitutional provisions, state and federal laws, and political party rules and practices.

### [IIP ARTICLE ON THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE](#)

This indirect election system, called the Electoral College and devised in 1787 by the framers of the Constitution, reflects the federal governing system of allocating powers to a national government representing not only the people but also the states.

### [THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE](#)

The Electoral College was created in 1787 by the framers of the Constitution, and still puzzles many.

## **VIDEO CLIPS:**

[U.S. ELECTIONS EXPLAINED](#)

[U.S. ELECTIONS: THE ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE](#)

[U.S. ELECTIONS: PRIMARIES](#)

[U.S. ELECTIONS: CAUCUSES EXPLAINED](#)

[HOW THE U.S. ELECTORAL COLLEGE WORKS](#)

[ELECTING THE PRESIDENT IN PLAIN ENGLISH](#)

## **POLITICAL ANALYSIS**

ONGOING POLITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE ELECTIONS: (**Day by Day Blog with Opinion, News, Analysis, Videos and Polls**) <http://www.realclearpolitics.com/> (Include analyses of major speeches by the Presidential Candidates; all in all, an amazing and highly useful site.)

## **SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE U.S. ELECTIONS:**



The **Twitter Political Index** is a daily measurement of Twitter users' feelings towards the candidates as expressed in nearly two million Tweets each week."

## **FOREIGN POLICY**

[2012 ELECTION COVERAGE FROM FOREIGN POLICY MAGAZINE: THE POLITICS OF FOREIGN POLICY](#)



## CAMPAIGN FINANCING



### VIDEOS - HOW CANDIDATES RAISE AND SPEND MONEY

The amount of money that Presidential candidates spend on their campaigns can be simply mind boggling. CNN's *Explain It To Me* series has two videos explaining how candidates raise money and what they spend that money on

Here is [How Candidates Raise Money](#).

<http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/politics/2012/01/25/eitm-campaign-finance-1.cnn>

Here is [Campaign Spending](#). One of the interesting statistics in this video CNN points out is that Kobe Bryant would have to play for 29 years to earn as much money as President Obama spent in 2008. <http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/politics/2012/01/27/eitm-campaign-finance.cnn>

## POST ELECTION

### MORE THAN ELECTIONS: HOW DEMOCRACIES TRANSFER POWER

Democracy requires more than holding elections. Healthy democracies are defined by the expectations of citizens and the common rules, understandings, and trust they build. This eJournal USA explores the contours of civil society and political legitimacy within which peaceful transitions of power can occur.

## MAJOR E-PUBLICATIONS

[IIP DIGITAL](#) (SEARCH ELECTIONS in SEARCH BOX to the right of the web site)

### EJOURNAL USA: YOUTH VOTES! THE 2012 U.S. ELECTIONS



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In 2012: What's at Stake? Why Bother to Vote?  
Millennial Facts  
Campaign Volunteer Blogs  
On the Issues  
Your Guide to U.S. Election Jargon  
Everything (Almost) You Wanted to Know About U.S. Elections

### WHAT TYPES OF ELECTIONS ARE HELD IN THE UNITED STATES?

Primary election is a contest in which a political party selects its candidates to run in a general election.

[U.S. ELECTIONS: WOMEN IN POLITICS](#) The story of women's journey in the U.S. politics will always inspires people of U.S. and around the world.

## IIP BOOK ON POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

HOW RAUCOUS IS THE CAUCUS? The common element of caucuses is talk. Supporters gather to back their candidate and convince others to do the same.

## U.S. POLITICAL PARTIES: AN ONGOING EVOLUTION

### USA ELECTIONS IN BRIEF

This revised 2012 edition sketches the way primary and general elections work, not only the role of political parties, but also the nuts and bolts of voting machines and poll workers, opinion polls and campaign finance.

## **OTHER E-PUBLICATIONS ON THE U.S. ELECTIONS**

**In Brief:** *How the U.S. Decided When to Vote*

**Article:** *U.S. Elections: Frequently Asked Questions.*

**Article:** *2012 U.S. Elections the First Influenced by "Super PACs"*

**Article:** *Road to the White House Is Paved with Delegates*

**Article:** *U.S. Federal Offices: Who Can Serve in Washington?*

**Article:** *Federal Election Commission Regulates Presidential Campaigns*

### **African Americans Could Prove Decisive in Some Swing States**

Like other American voters, African Americans are concerned over the state of the U.S. economy and unemployment, which has disproportionately affected their community. But they also look to political leaders to address their concerns over the large number of blacks in U.S. prisons and voter identification laws, which some say will discourage community members from voting.

## **UNIVERSITY SOURCES**

The UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S CENTER FOR POLITICS. These analyses of the upcoming Elections and Sabato's Crystal Ball are written by one of America's most distinguished political analysts, Larry Sabato, frequently appearing on CNN: <http://www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/>

ELECTION 2012: VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

<http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/ginfo.pl?searchtext=Election2012&Type=Simple&Resource=DB&Website=GOVTINFO>

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ELECTIONS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN: <http://guides.lib.umich.edu/content.php?pid=33808&sid=248075> (Includes Election Statistics and Elections in other countries.) Many of the citations listed are books in the U of Michigan Libraries, but there are also many free, openly available websites to make this a worthwhile option to explore

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**



### [POLITICAL CONVENTIONS](#)

While the processes of the political national conventions have evolved over more than a century, the purpose has remained the same -- to nominate presidential candidates and lay out goals and party priorities.

### [U.S. ELECTIONS](#)

More questions on U.S. elections basic information. Questions and answers vary from what type of elections to what the symbols are used by the political parties.

### [ELECTORAL COLLEGE](#)

Find more answers from this FAQ on Electoral College.